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All are invited to come join in the carnival-style fun this September 13 to kick off Fall ministries. The evening will include a free BBQ, inflatables, face painting, balloon animals, and more!



Update on the App!

There are over **1302** people that have downloaded and are using our **HIGHLINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH APP!!** We are so pleased that so many of you are benefiting from all the great features of the App. The top five features that are the most used right now are the sermon notes, calendar, listen, find a group, & check-in. If you have yet to use these features, please check them out.

For those of you with a QR reader on your phone, simply scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our app to download it. You can also click on this link <https://a3a.me/highline>

If you would rather download the app from the App Store or the Google Play Store then type in Highline Christian Church in your search bar and you should see it.

We also wanted to remind you that you can give to our campaign “Pay Off the Mortgage” by clicking on the campaign tile in the App and then following the instructions. We are excited to see how many have already given to the campaign. If you want to know how the campaign is going, there is a bar graph that shows the amount given on the left-hand side with the goal we are reaching for on the right-hand side.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need help. There are so many things you can do through the app, so please explore it and use whatever you like.

Giving with a “Smile”

For those who like to shop at Amazon, we wanted to let you know that Highline Christian Church is now registered as a charitable organization. The link is listed below. Here’s how it works:

You shop. Amazon gives

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support Highline Christian Church by starting your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**

Just click on the link. Sign in with your regular Amazon account. Choose Highline Christian Church as your charity organization. And shop.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6016377>

Thank you for supporting the ongoing ministries of Highline Christian Church!

TOP 5 FEATURES

Sermon
notes

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New Fall Studies Start Soon

SUNDAYS

Women's Bible Study @ 9am

Kings and Prophets--Answering God's Call"

Led by Kathy Bledsoe

Starts September 10

Every human being has been given a call of purpose for life: to love God with all body, mind, strength, and soul and to share that love with others as the work He has planned for them to do is accomplished. This brings glory to His name and makes Him known to those who are seeking Him.

But what happens when well-intended (and sometimes not so well-intended) people try to "improve" God's plan?

This class is not a history lesson but another adventure in life application of God's Word. Using the books of Samuel, Chronicles, and Kings, we will look deeply at the kings of Israel and how they obeyed or disobeyed God's call upon them to lead His people. We will also see how God sent prophet after prophet to encourage and entreat His people to come back to Him with the love and obedience they had promised to Him when He made covenants with them. These were times of great stress in the world and within Israel. God's people had even split their own nation into north and south!

Come and learn and enjoy the fellowship of other women.



Adult Bible Study @ 9am

The book of Joshua,

Led by Paul Smith

Couples Focus @ 10:40am:

"Intro to How We Love,"

Led by Jerrod and Nikki Sessler

TUESDAYS

Adult Study @ 6:30pm

This Changed Everything -- 500 Years of the Reformation,"

Led by Brad Krantz

Starts September 12

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, an obscure German monk named Martin Luther published 95 theses for debate in Wittenberg, Germany. Little did he know that this act would ignite a revolution that would reshape the Christian church and change Western civilization forever.

In anticipation of this important anniversary, **Christian History Institute** has produced a groundbreaking three-hour documentary series called *This Changed Everything*. Narrated by the renowned British actor David Suchet, the program tells the dynamic story of the people, places, and events that shaped the Reformation. It features expert commentary from Dr. Michael Horton, Dr. Frank James, Shane Claiborne, Bishop Robert Barron, and over twenty other scholars and clergy who bring new insight into how the church came to be where it is today and where it may go in the future.

This Changed Everything celebrates the fruits of the Reformation while grappling with difficult questions about the legacy of division. Clearly, the medieval church was in dire need of reform, but could complete schism have been avoided? Why does the Protestant movement continue to splinter into ever increasing factions? How should we

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think about our divisions in light of Jesus' passionate prayer that his followers be "one"? For a preview go to: <https://www.thischangedeverything.com/>

This is a first-class presentation for those who seek to better understand this part of our church history in a more casual environment. Come join us!

WEDNESDAYS

Sermon Discussion @ 9:30am

Discuss last weekend's sermon
Led by Peggy Hays

Women in the Word @ 6pm

Discerning the Voice of God (How to Recognize when God speaks) by Priscilla Shirer"
Led by Lynda Olson

If you want to:

- More deeply understand the Holy Spirit's role in your life*
- Differentiate His voice from imposters' voices, even your own*
- Glimpse His guidance in your everyday life*
- Grow consistently in obedience, surrender, stillness, and humility,*
- Think about joining us!*

Men By God @ 6pm

"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"
Led by Tim Crawford

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Studies

"Life Principles from the NT Men of Faith"
Led by Gayle Wylie, Sue Evans, and Annelle Reagle

Click here to [Sign up for a Bible Study](#)



Clothing Drive for Prevention Time

Prevention time, a non-denominational Christian organization helping to save the lives of children and youth in Africa through HIV and AIDS prevention is ending their clothing drive soon. Your donations can help this organization raise money to support their ministry in Africa. **Bring your last-minute donations to the below Federal Way address through Friday, September 8.** Trailers will be loaded at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 10 at 30020 2nd Ct. S
Federal Way

Items that can be accepted at the Federal Way location include:

- ✓ Clothes
- ✓ Shoes
- ✓ Purses
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Bedding (no head or decorative pillows)
- ✓ Linens
- ✓ Sheets
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Fabric
- ✓ Other fabric type items

Thanks for your support!





Seniors' Trip Wednesday, September 6 8:30am (Leave time) – 3:30pm +/-

Off we go by church bus, this time to the US Naval Undersea Museum (Keyport, WA.) A lunch stop is scheduled for Family Pancake in Bremerton. The day will conclude with a ride back to Seattle on the Bremerton Ferry.

What to bring: Lunch money (entrance is free to the museum) and a donation of \$5 each for gas and ferry ride. Parking is free and the museum is wheelchair accessible. Think light jacket for the ferry ride.

SIGN-UP sheets are available at an Atrium table. You can also respond by email via the HUB, or call Steve or Georgia. A glance at the website hints of a full array of optional activities at the museum!



OCTOBER EVENT: While we are marking our calendars, the next Seniors' event will be on **Wednesday, October 4.** Three people have come forward by inviting us to their homes for a wonderful progressive lunch. As sign ups become available, you may be called about furnishing an appetizer, casserole dish or dessert for one of the venues.

Ladies Who Brunch

Saturday
September 9th
9:30 - 11 AM

Find us in the
North Building for a
potluck style brunch!

RSVP on the HUB
or in the atrium.



Ladies Who Brunch... We're Back!! 🍌

- ◆ Sat. Sept 9th 9:30-11:30 am
- ◆ North Building Atrium
- ◆ Bring a dish to share.
- ◆ Sign up on the HUB or in the Atrium on Sundays
- ◆ Want to help? Call Maureen



World Outreach News

Featuring: **Christian Evangelistic Association**



Touching the World with Hope

The Christian Evangelistic Association is an organization that began in 1961 when twenty one visionary leaders met in West Seattle Christian Church with a dream of reaching the Puget Sound area for Christ through the planting churches patterned after the New Testament. During the following forty years, more than twenty congregations were established with thousands coming to Christ and spiritual maturity.

Dr. George Johnson, executive director of CEA, in partnership with others continues seeking to fulfill that initial vision with new methods that include new partnerships and multiplication.



Today church planting in the Pacific Northwest includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada. New churches are being started in some of the most secular, unchurched regions of the country. There are projects in high-density urban cities, suburbs and semi-rural communities. CEA also

has a variety of internship opportunities that offer a unique experience working in many locations around the Northwest.

CEA has a vision to encourage a church planting movement of 100 new churches across the Northwest. Prayer is a priority in advancing this movement. CEA will lead in the company of other adventurers and pioneers in church planting. Lost people matter to God and therefore they matter to us!



Mission Trip Opportunity

The South Africa Mission Trip with Prevention Time is set for the last two weeks in August 2018. Applications for the trip are now available on the HUB/App [“HCC Ministry Trip Application.”](#) The applications will be accepted through September 30, 2017 and those applying will be contacted for review and conformation by October 15, 2017. We look forward to a good mission team. Questions? Contact Lyla Moreland.





Operation Christmas Child Coming Soon

Highline Christian will, once again, be collecting filled boxes next October/November for Operation Christmas Child. Right now is a great time to get items for children to "write on" or "write with" during the Back-to-School sales. Spiral notebooks can often be curved to fit into a box and small notepads are on sale. Also, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, pencil sharpeners and colored pencils are on great sales right now. It has been said that kids prefer pencils over pens, if you are making a choice. Remember that all pencils (colored or #2 type) **MUST** be sharpened before sending them and **MUST** include a pencil sharpener. Many times, the dollar stores have t-shirts during the Summer months, but not year-round. Summer toys may also be on clearance soon. Take advantage of these Summer sales to be able to fill a shoebox for a needy child this coming Fall. If you have any questions, please contact Tammie Lindblom.



Every Can Counts

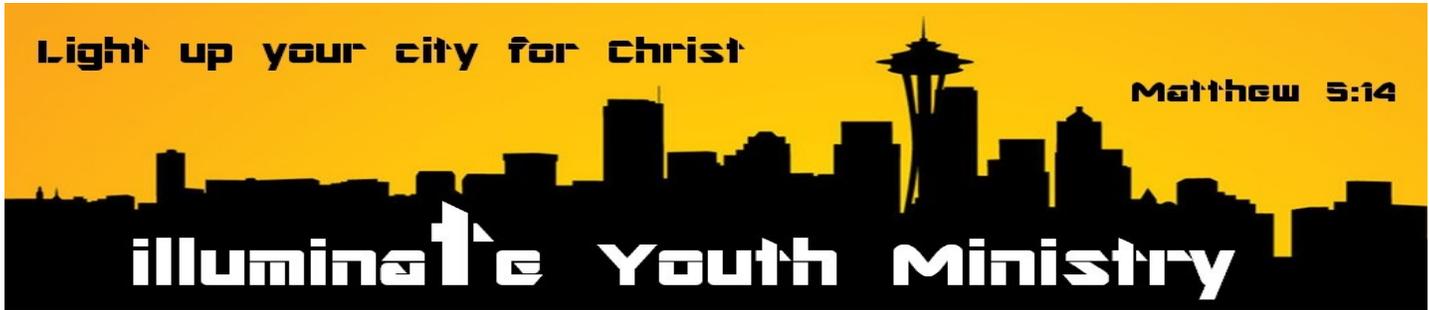
As a fundraiser in support of missions such as Transform Burien Resource Center and Bread of Life downtown Seattle Mission, we are collecting for recycling—aluminum cans. Collection bins are located in the South Building Community Room and are picked up regularly. Any questions? Contact Mary or Alice Webb.

Volleyball Team

The Fall Season Volleyball players are: Tammie Lindblom, Randy & Lori Nye, Tracy Hansen, Emma Maltsberger, Stephanie Louvier, Kevin Sutton and Jared Hernandez. All games are played at Kent Commons, 525 - 4th Ave N., Kent, 98032. Each match lasts about an hour. We'd love to have you cheer us on.

September 5: 7:30 pm	October 24: 8:50 pm
September 12: 8:50 pm	November 7: 7:30 pm
September 19 6:10 pm	November 14: Double Header at
September 26 8:50 pm	7:30 pm AND 8:50
October 3: 8:50 pm	pm
October 10: 7:30 pm	November 21: TBD
October 17: NO MATCH	November 28: TBD





Update Letter September 2017

Feels like just yesterday we were excited to kick off the Summer... now it is back to school and back to the grind of Fall! God has blessed us so much this past Summer! We have some big changes coming for illuminate Youth as we launch our Fall program and we are so excited to walk through it together with you!

Blessings, Pastor Steve, Nicole, Jayden, Riley & Adilynn



News Updates

HCC Fall Kick-Off BBQ: Join us Wednesday September 13th 5:30-8:00pm for a family friendly night of food and fellowship as we kick off our Fall programs. Please talk to Pastor Steve for more info.



Youth Group is Changing Nights: There are some big changes coming to HCC this Fall. After much prayer and consideration the Pastors have decided in the best interest of HCC to move our midweek program from Wednesday to Sunday nights starting September 17th. The program will run the same time 6-7:45pm with the doors opening at 5:30pm for anyone who would like to come early for snacks, games and fellowship. Our primary goal with this change is to help our families with the difficult decision of many midweek competing activities. We know that there is not a perfect solution, but we feel this is where God is leading HCC and are excited to see what he has planned for us! Please talk to Pastor Steve for more info.





Light up your city for Christ

Matthew 5:14

illuminate Youth Ministry

Illuminate Youth Apprenticeship Program

We will be starting our iY Apprenticeship Program this Fall. And I am excited to announce that Marques Smith will be filling that position this year. The goal with this program is to partner with and help equip someone who has a desire to serve the Lord in Youth Ministry. Marques has a huge heart for God and for reaching students for Jesus! I can't wait to see how God uses this to bless all of us!

Blessings, Pastor Steve



I feel beyond blessed with this opportunity God has given me and I'm excited to see what God is going to do with Illuminate Youth Group this next year through me. I cannot wait to share God's Word with these students and I know He has big things planned for us!

Blessings, Marques Smith



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Parent Partners

We value you as our parent partners so if you have any questions or comments about the youth program or would like to join the illuminate Youth Leadership Team, please contact Pastor Steve!

E: Steve@highlinechristian.org

Prayer & Praise Partners

We appreciate your prayers for:

- HCC Fall Kick-Off
- iY Student & Adult Leadership Team
- Fall Program & Activities

When We Meet

Junior High (7-8 Grade)

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:45pm

High School (9-12 Grade)

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:45pm

**Doors open at 10am & 5:30pm*

**Sixth grade students have the option to move up to iY. Please talk to Pastor Steve for more info*

Upcoming Events

- September 10th – iY Leaders Meeting / 5:30pm
- September 13th – HCC Fall Kick-Off / 5:30-8:00pm

Look for more events on the HUB and Facebook Page!

#illuminateHCC - facebook.com/illuminateHCC - @iYHCC



Sunday Morning Up-Word: *September 2017*

- Junior High – TBA
(Mary Packard Teaching)
- High School – TBA
(Tiffiney Cowan Teaching)

Sunday Night Youth Group: *September 2017*

- Junior High – TBA
(Marques Smith Teaching)
- High School – TBA
(Pastor Steve Teaching)

**Parents if you would like to receive an emailed handout of our teaching material please contact Pastor Steve*



Higher Ground Children's Ministry



Looking Back and Looking Forward

What a whirlwind of a Summer! If you feel anything like I do, then Summer has sprinted by without any hesitation. However, as I am sitting down, writing to you all about what to expect in the coming months, I feel equally excited to fill you in with what has been happening in the ministry this last Summer. I apologize in advance for the length of this letter. Turns out not doing a newsletter all Summer made this one very hearty. Who would have thought?

Looking Back

The Best place to start would be Sunday mornings. As some of you may well know, during the **10:40 hour, the children's ministry teaches out of the same text from which Pastor Tim preaches.** While this may be challenging at times, it has proved rewarding for our families. Following the life of Moses has taught us all that God works and moves through all sorts of circumstances. Through all of our highs and lows, God has a plan and He is faithful to complete it. Being able to zero in on this tiny piece of God's big story for three whole months has been such a fun and formative experience.

In the same vein of **Sunday mornings, the 9:00 O'clock hour** has seen some exciting Summer changes. With the seasonal closing of Sunday school, our 1st-6th grade students were led and taught by our youth teaching team. Led and directed by none other than Natalie Barnes, we had a rotating team of 11 youth students, take turns leading "hang-out" groups, games, lessons and response times. It was not only a time for our grade school students to learn more about and experience the God who loves them, but also for our youth students to step out of their comfort zones to lead and love, by example. God used their willingness to serve in big ways! The Children's ministry is looking forward to strengthened and continued partnership with our bold and caring youth leaders.

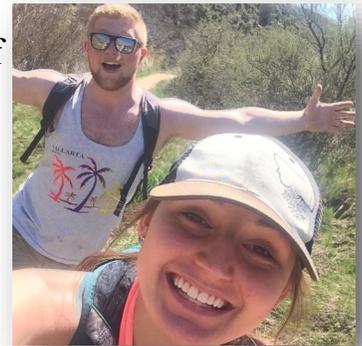
Another exciting change that has taken root in the Children's ministry has come in our **response times.** For those unfamiliar with "response times," they are simply dedicated times for our students to take the truths they have heard during the service and "respond" to God's call through prayer and worship. It is important for our students to know that worshiping God happens in forms other than singing and prayer. Thus, over the last three months we have added new ways for our students to worship and experience God's call on their life. We have called them artistic worship stations, From water color paint, to playdough sculptures, to journaling, to poetry, we think that kids being able to worship in artistic avenues is a needed step in turning worship from a one hour event on Sundays to a lifestyle that consumes every day.



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The theme for both of our grade school VBSs was “Messy”. While such a theme lent itself to playing games like paint twister, (regular twister with blobs of paint on the colored circles) it also had a deeper meaning. If you haven’t noticed, the world we live in is a messy place. But Jesus set the perfect example of how we are called to live in and love our messy world. We talked about difficult issues that we face every day that don’t always have black and white, neat and tidy answers. We came to one conclusion: no matter what mess we face in our lives, we are always serving the one who came to make the mess clean again.



It has been a wild, crazy, hectic and beautiful first Summer here at Highline. Thank you all for your partnership and patience with me as I have been settling into this new role. I am thankful for the last few months and look forward to many, many more!

Looking forward

While we have so much to be thankful for, we also have so much to be excited about! Most immediately is Sunday School. Our first day of Sunday School class will be September 10. Sunday school will take place during the 9:00 hour. We will be continuing in our use of the Big God Story curriculum by Tru. This curriculum centers on the redemptive story God has been telling all through history, beginning with Adam and Eve, climaxing in Jesus’ redemptive work on the cross, and includes our part in God’s story. We are excited to kick off another year of Sunday School!

***Sunday School
begins***

September 10

We are also having our **Fall Ministry Kick off on September 13**. This is a time for the family of Highline to come together to dedicate and celebrate the start of Fall ministries. This event is going to be a blast for the whole family. There will be dinner, a bouncy house and inflatable obstacle, snow cones, popcorn and much, much more. We hope to see you there!

Finally, after prayerful consideration and intentional conversations the children’s ministry, alongside the youth ministry will be changing our midweek “Summit Trekkers” **from**

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Wednesday nights to Sunday nights. The main desire in making this change is to save our families from being forced to choose between midweek church group and a number of midweek activities that run at the same time. This is a problem that has become increasingly pertinent for the families at Highline, so we decided to act. The Children's and Youth ministries are unified in this decision which is why we will be making this move together. Our Sunday night program will start at 6 p.m. and will go to 7:45 p.m.. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for any early-comers who want to come and hang out. We are excited about the opportunities this move presents to many of our Highline families.

I pray that this coming school year would be dedicated to making the kingdom even greater, starting from the inside and moving out. I look forward to continued and strengthening partnership with you, the families in the coming year.

Grace and peace be with you all!

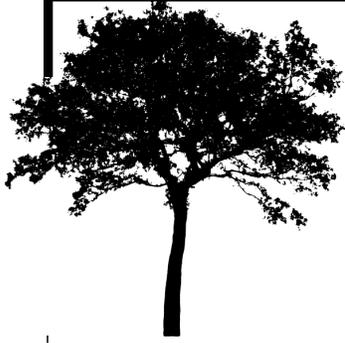
Pastor Tyler

P.S. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me.

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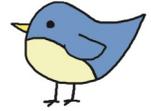
5:30 p.m.	Doors Open
6:00 p.m.	Program Begins
7:45 p.m.	Activities End

September 2017



Preschool Park

Birth through Kindergarten



Fall Sunday School Classes

We are now heading back into the swing of Fall Sunday School Classes!

The Preschool Park Fall teaching team is excited to welcome all of your children to classes September 10th.

The Bunny Class is for children who are not yet 2

The Butterfly class is for children who are 2 by August 31st

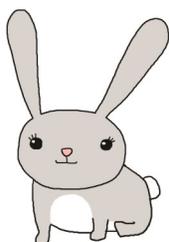
The Hedgehog Class is for children age 3 by August 31st

The Raccoon Class is for children age 4 by August 31st

The Blue Bird Class is for children going into Kindergarten.



There is a need for more rotating teachers. If you would be open to serving one time a month or every other month, please email or call Katie! You make a difference by serving in a classroom!



Katie Taylor

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Worship Service Times

Saturdays—6:00 P.M.

Sundays—9:00 A.M.

& 10:40 A.M.

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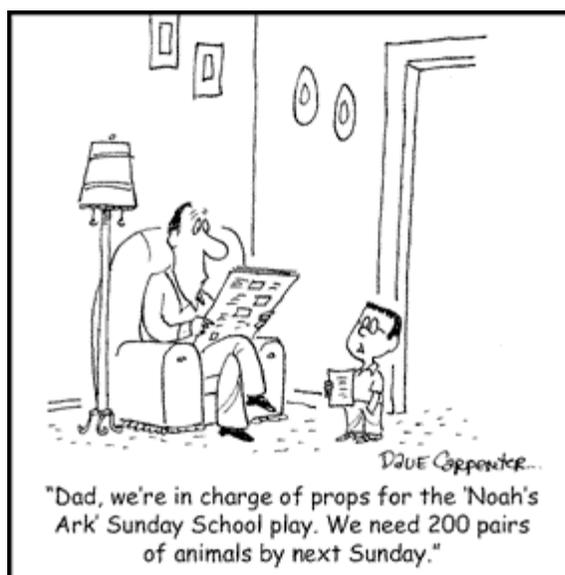
*Next
eNewsletter
Deadline:
September 24*

Sunday School's Origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.





Our 2017-2018 Elders



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